



Green Gables  
Heritage Place

# Visitor Guide

Explore the world that  
inspired a masterpiece



## Welcome

Parks Canada welcomes you to Green Gables Heritage Place, part of L. M. Montgomery's Cavendish National Historic Site of Canada.  
*"Commemorating L. M. Montgomery as a person of national historic significance"*

### Green Gables

has become famous around the world as the inspiration for the setting in Lucy Maud Montgomery's classic tale of fiction, *Anne of Green Gables*. In real life, this farm was the home of David Jr. and his sister Margaret, cousins of Montgomery's grandfather. Although Montgomery never lived at Green Gables, she came to know her cousin's farm through her explorations of the surrounding woodlands. The special places she discovered and named such as the Haunted Wood and Lover's Lane still exist at Green Gables. Parks Canada presents and protects Canada's natural and cultural heritage for the benefit of all Canadians, now and in the future.



Lucy Maud Montgomery

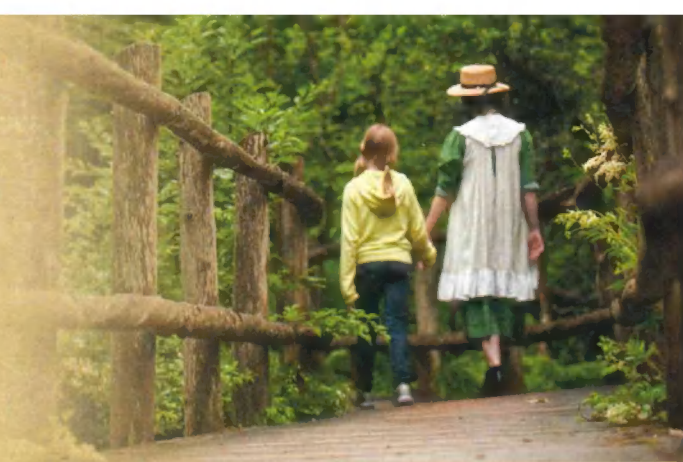


### During Your Visit

While at Green Gables, take advantage of the many opportunities to learn more about L. M. Montgomery, internationally-renowned author of *Anne of Green Gables* and many other works of fiction and non-fiction. Begin with a brief orientation film at the Visitor Centre. Then, be prepared to take a step back in time to explore the imaginary world of Anne. The house and grounds have been restored and decorated as Montgomery described in her novel, and depict a typical Prince Edward Island farm of the late 1800's. View an exhibit, wander through Green Gables

House, take a relaxing stroll on one of our interpretive trails, or participate in a guided activity (offered in July and August). There is an experience for everyone. Our knowledgeable staff will be happy to answer your questions. Help us preserve the cultural resources found on site by not handling historic objects or sitting on the furniture or equipment. Help us protect the ecosystem by respecting trees, plants and their surroundings.

Please allow plants to grow where you find them, so that wildlife may benefit and others may enjoy.



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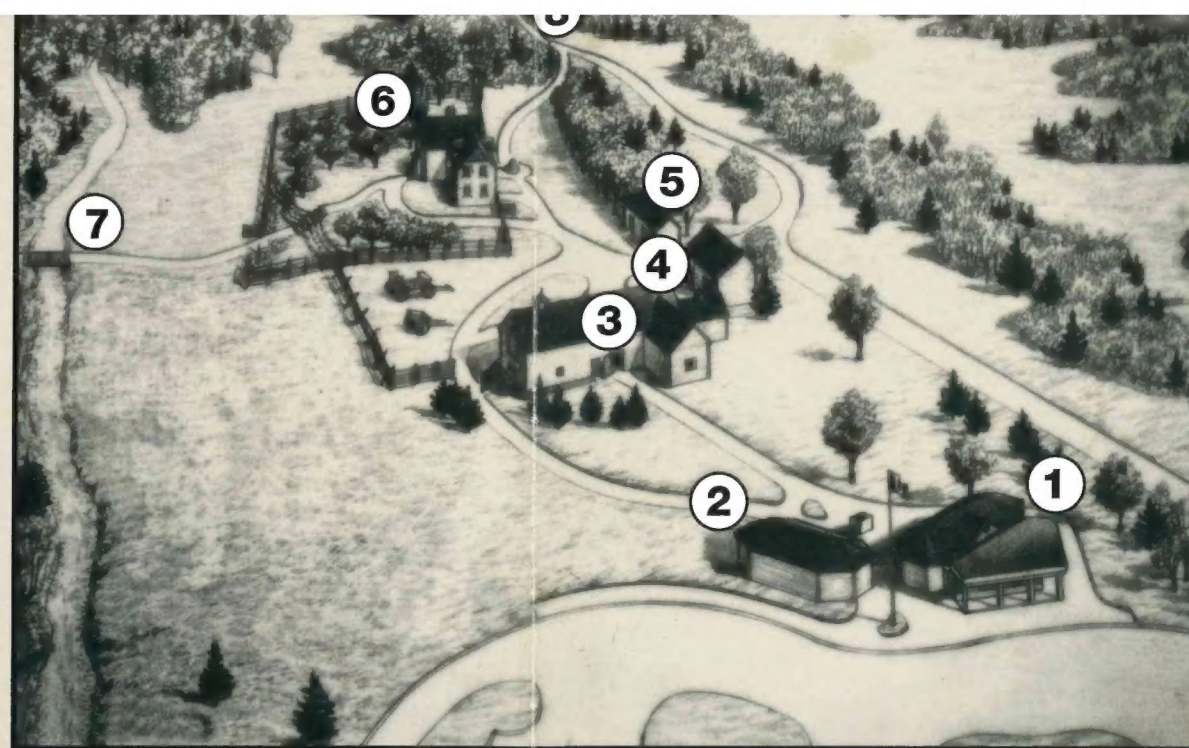
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| ① Reception Centre | ④ Butter Churn Café  | ⑦ Haunted Wood Trail                |
| ② Gift Shop        | ⑤ Washrooms          | ⑧ Lovers Lane / Balsam Hollow Trail |
| ③ The Barn         | ⑥ Green Gables House |                                     |

### Services and Facilities

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| Accessible Washroom | Interpretive Trail | Exhibits    |
| Bus Parking         | Monument           | Information |
| Butter Churn Café   | Parking            | Theatre     |
| Book Store          | Picnic Area        | Gift Shop   |

**Haunted Wood Trail - 1.1 km Return.** This old spruce grove was a favourite haunt of L. M. Montgomery. She and her friends invented the Haunted Wood and told blood curdling tales of ghosts that might be found there. Watch for the sign that points to The Site of L. M. Montgomery's Cavendish Home. Follow the lane to the site of the quaint homestead where the author lived with her grandparents and wrote *Anne of Green Gables*. Please note that separate admission fees apply; combination fees are available.

**Balsam Hollow Trail - 0.9 km Return.** This trail begins on an old cow path named by the author: Lover's Lane. Montgomery thought it was a very romantic spot. Continue onto the Balsam Hollow trail which wanders through mixed woodlands and follows a babbling brook.



## Green Gables House

### Ground Floor



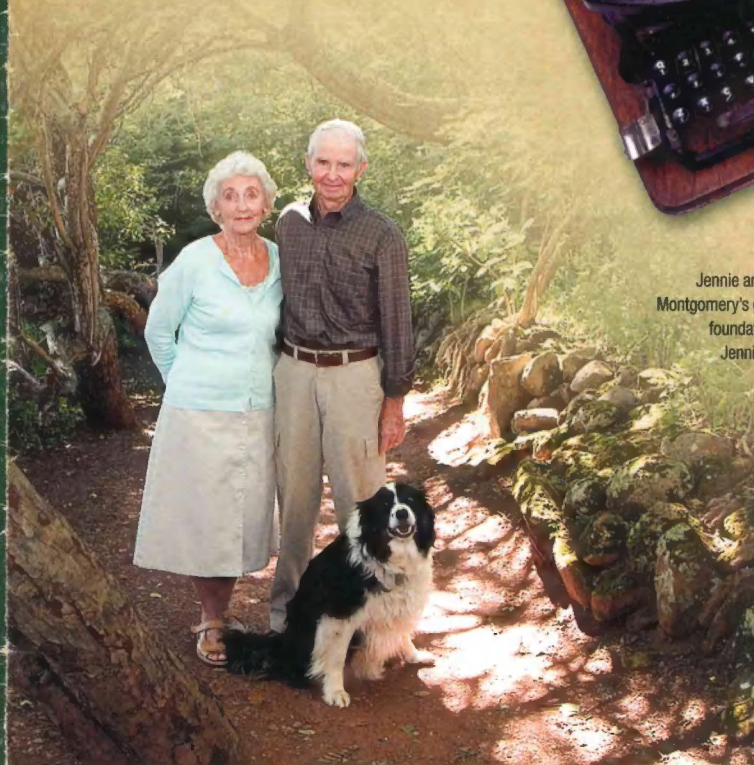
### Second Floor



## L.M. Montgomery's Cavendish National Historic Site of Canada

In 2004, the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada designated Green Gables Heritage Place and the Site of Lucy Maud Montgomery's Cavendish Home together as L.M. Montgomery's Cavendish National Historic Site of Canada. The site commemorates the cultural landscape associated with the formative years and early career of world renowned author Lucy Maud Montgomery. Many places within this landscape held special meaning for the author and she drew inspiration from this peaceful setting throughout her writing career. A combination pass is available for those who wish to visit both places within L. M. Montgomery's Cavendish National Historic Site.

Typewriter belonging to Lucy Maud Montgomery.



Jennie and John Macneill, descendants of Montgomery's grandfather and caretakers of the foundation of the authors' former home. Jennie and John seen on the old lane.

## The Site of L. M. Montgomery's Cavendish Home

In addition to your visit to Green Gables, visit the beautiful, natural setting where the author lived with her Macneill grandparents. Lucy Maud Montgomery lived at this homestead for half of her life, and this is where she wrote Anne of Green Gables. Visit the bookstore and listen to a history of her life, told by the Macneill descendants, who live on, own and tend this authentic site. It is located within walking distance from Green Gables, through the Haunted Wood Trail.



Site of L.M. Montgomery's home.

## Questions or comments?

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